

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell and Alexander Graham Bell to Eliza Symonds Bell, August 4, 1877, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Mrs. Alexander Melville Bell (1877) My dear Mrs. Bell:

Alec wants me to write to you, for he is so busy that he has only had time to begin several letters to you— letters which with their heading “Dear Papa and Mamma” have excited the merriment of those who have seen them lying around.

We have been obliged to change all our plans for Alec finds that the British Association for the advancement of Science meets the 15th of this month instead of September. We feared we should have to change steamers, but fortunately find the original ship will land us in time. We stop at Londonderry I think take the channel steamer to and thence by rail to Plymouth where the meeting will be held. We shall hardly have a day to spare. Alec fears he may not go to Scotland this time at all, but I hope he is mistaken.

We are all packed up now and the trunks gone, my pretty room dismantled and disordered. We leave at nine tonight by rail instead of the boat and sail at noon tomorrow. I wonder if we will get a last word from you.

New York Saturday Morning— We are off now in a few minutes. We have a beautiful bright day for our start, and the other passengers seem, if we can judge by their names pleasant people. They are all Scotch.

Goodbye with our love to onenand all of you.

Affectionately Mabel

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We are just off by Steamship "Anchoria" I suppose Mabel has told you we go direct to Plymouth as the British Association for the advancement of Science meets August 15th.

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Mrs. Gray's address is 12 Carlton Villas Wiltshire Road— Brinton as far as I remember without address book at hand. Send list of addresses again. I fear I have left those you gave me behind. Au revoir

With love Your affectionate son Alec